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CLINTON: NO US TROOPS

2 Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton rejected the idea of sending thousands of U.S. ground troops to fight Islamic State in the Middle East, saying such a move would give the militant group a recruitment tool to boost its ranks. In her first television interview since the Paris attacks last month, Clinton largely backed President Barack Obama's strategy, pledging to defeat the militant group and engage Russia in the process if she wins the 2016 election. REUTERS

AMAZON GADGET SALES

3 Amazon said sales of its electronic gadgets more than tripled over the Thanksgiving weekend from last year, with the Fire tablet the top-selling product. Sales of the 7-inch tablet more than tripled, while the Fire TV set-top box sold six times more than last year, the company said, without providing the number of units sold. REUTERS

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

WORLD AIDS DAY

7 On World Aids Day, former Navy Admiral and U.S. Representative Joe Sestak visited ActionAIDS in Center City to speak to HIV activists, supporters and volunteers in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

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PHILLY COP SUSPENDED

4 A Philadelphia police officer is accused of beating a woman and possibly breaking her nose. Officer Joseph Sees, 48, was taken into custody by Bensalem police after an off-duty altercation. Sees was involved in a domestic physical altercation with a woman who sustained injuries to her face. JASON NUCKOLLS

NOVEMBER AUTO SALES

5 U.S. auto sales were on a path to hitting their strongest November ever, helped by marketing promotions and strength in sport utility vehicles, according to monthly sales figures released by automakers Tuesday. General Motors said the U.S. auto industry will sell 18.2 million vehicles for the month at an annualized rate, which would be a record for November. Most analysts say 2015 sales will top the record of 17.35 million vehicles in 2000, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. REUTERS

OKAFOR GETS SECURITY

6 A security guard will now accompany 76er Jahlil Okafor whenever he goes out. After a recent string of embarrassing off-the-court incidents, Okafor's handlers have requested that the 76ers provide a security presence for the star rookie, ABC has reported.
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This year marks the seventh anniversary of the toy drive, which was renamed in memory of the man who oversaw the project for more than four years, Tony Metcalf, Metro's longest-running editor-in-chief. Mr. Metcalf passed away in 2013 from colon cancer at the age of 50.

Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive. We are now asking readers to contribute what they can to Tony's Metro Magic.

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Mayor-elect Jim Kenney CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Jim Kenney goes on town hall tour

Residents are sounding off to the future mayor at town halls all this week.

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Want to bend the new mayor's ear?

You've got a few chances this week.

Mayor-elect Jim Kenney is holding a series of town halls every night this week to feel the pulse of the city.

Hundreds of people turned out for a one-hour event at Central High on Monday night, and if the rest of them go the same way, the new mayor might want to keep a close eye on the school district.

Kenney listened, and said little as about 28 people got up to offer their suggestions, about half of them about education.

From parents and teachers opposed to the transition of a handful of district schools into charters to those who noted that buildings weren't up to snuff — it's clear that schools are a big concern for city residents.

One man told Kenney he was ready to start working for better schools, but he wanted to know when the incoming mayor was going to get to work.

Kenney noted that he's been working since the primary on implementing his marquee schools plan, but he hasn't been sworn in yet.

"Christmas is coming," Kenney said.

Kenney also heard concerns about gentrification, pedestrian safety, gun violence and litter.

One man told Kenney that there was no litter on the ground when Frank Rizzo was mayor, a fact that is perhaps challenged by the movie "Rocky," shot in 1976 during Rizzo's tenure when litter was pretty prominent.

Meetings

Wednesday: School of the Future, 40th and Parkside, 7:30-8:30

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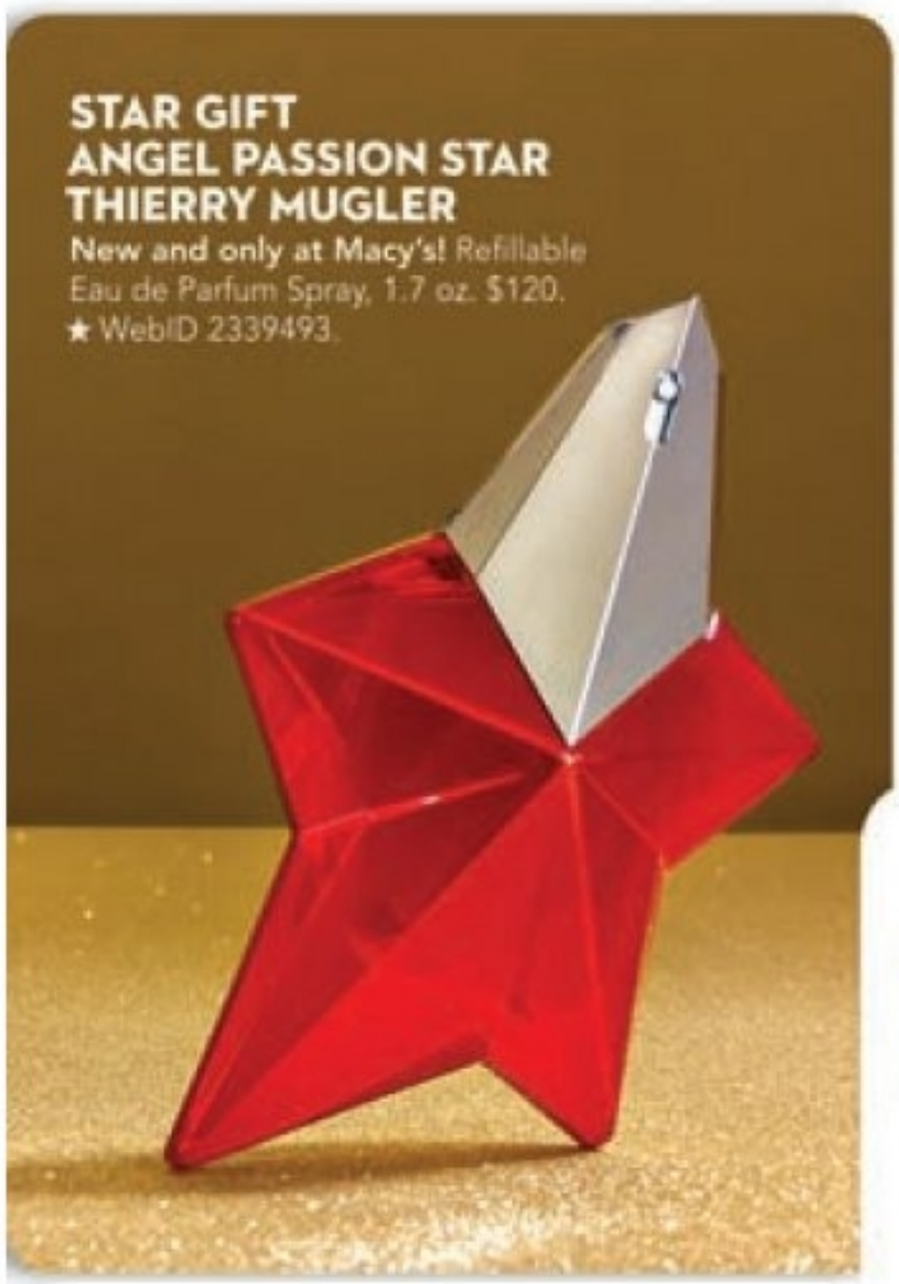

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'Jawn' could become the new 'yo'

The local word is getting national spotlight with the success of "Creed."

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Call it "jawn's" big moment.

Or, if you're more comfortable with Philly slang, "jawn's" jawn.

"Creed," the newest installment of the Rocky franchise, gives this particular piece of Philly slang a big shout out, possibly doing for it what the original did for "Yo."

"'Creed' might be the movie that introduces jawn to the rest of America," said Taylor Jones, a linguistics graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania who uses social media to study how words, and slang, change.

In the film, "jawn" is introduced by actress Tessa Thompson, who plays the Philly-born female love interest opposite Michael B. Jordan, who plays the film's title character, Adonis Creed.

She drops the j-word, while ordering a cheesesteak — "put some peppers on that jawn."

It sparks Jordan to ask what it means.

In Philadelphia, "jawn" is a noun. It could mean anything. Boys, girls and objects — all are jawns.

Jones has created a map of who uses the word "jawn" on social media, and he said that it's a word that is very specific to Philadelphia. It pops up occasionally in other states, but those, he said, are almost always Philly transplants.

Josef Fruehwald, a lecturer in sociolinguistics at the University of Edinburgh who has studied Philadelphia speech patterns, said the exact origins of "jawn" are murky, but that it is probably related to the word "joint" in New York City and the word "jont" in Washington, D.C. They all basically mean the same thing.

And while its origins are traced to early hip-hop usage, the New York City rap group the Funky 4 + 1 had a single "That's the Joint" in 1980, it has become fairly mainstream in Philadelphia.

"Most people in Philly say 'yo,' but it's usually identified as being part of the Italian-American heritage of the city, helped along by Rocky, obviously," Fruehwald said. "A lot of people in Philly also say 'jawn,' but it's usually identified with the African-American heritage of the city, now being helped along by 'Creed.'"

Visit Philly, the organization that markets tourism in Philadelphia, famously ran billboards with the phrase, "There's no jawn like home," as part of its Phillyosophy campaign in 2014.

And an initiative of the Philadelphia Free Library to get kids interested in hands-on design, engineering and art is called "MakerJawn."

The word "yo" was perhaps popularized by Rocky in the 1976 film — "Yo, Adrian" is probably one of Stallone's most famous lines in the film.

"Yo" was enshrined in the American Heritage Dictionary in 1992, said Meryl Levitz, Visit Philly's president and CEO, after a campaign by locals.

She thinks "jawn" has the same staying power.

"I've heard 'jawn' from a variety of people. All races, all ages," Levitz said. "I think it has a future."

T-shirts featuring the word "jawn" for sale at Cheesesteak Tees on South Street. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

"'Creed' might be the movie that introduces jawn to the rest of America."
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The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is requesting public comments and conducting public hearings on the proposed Moving to Work Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2017 (Annual Plan). PHA is a participant in the Moving to Work (MTW) Program pursuant to an MTW Agreement between PHA and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Annual Plan describes PHA's MTW proposed policy initiatives and activities for the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

The Annual Plan is available for public review on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

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2850 Germantown Ave 1st Floor

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PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and the general public may provide oral comments on the Annual Plan by attending the public hearing described below and/or by submitting written comments during the comment period. A public hearing will be conducted at the following time and location:

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'Porngate' prosecutor: I've never looked at porn

Kathleen Kane, center, has picked Douglas Gansler, right, to investigate offensive emails, such as the one at left, being swapped on state servers. CHARLES MOSTOLLER/PROVIDED

Kathleen Kane has invited an out-of-state attorney to investigate Pennsylvania's dirty laundry.

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Attorney General Kathleen Kane has picked as her special prosecutor to investigate pornographic emails a man who says he has himself never looked at pornographic material.

"I have not, which I'm happy to say. … Never in my life," former Maryland Attorney General Douglas Gansler said of porn Tuesday.

Gansler spoke to Metro about his dislike of pornography at the National Constitution Center after Kane announced his selection as special prosecutor to investigate pornographic, racist and misogynistic content being shared on state government email accounts.

"I've never been on a pornographic website in my life," Gansler said.

If true, that would put Gansler, 53, who is married with two sons, in the minority of American men, studies show.

About 66 percent of American men and 41 percent of American women look at pornography at least once a month, studies said.

Canadian researchers from the University of Montreal planning to study men who have never been exposed to porn reported in 2009 that they couldn't find a single man who fit that criteria.

A study conducted by the Berlin-based Max Plank Institute for Human Development found that porn watchers literally have smaller brains — although whether that means porn causes small brains, or the small-brained watch more porn, could not be determined.

But that qualification might make Gansler the perfect candidate for Kane, whose quest to find and publicize any and all pornographic or offensive emails traded on state email servers — the discovery of which, she has publicly claimed, led to a conspiracy to oust her from office — is close to surpassing the scope of special prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation into President Bill Clinton's sexual dalliances.

"No woman should go to work and be subjected to consistent treatment of disgusting indignity by woman-haters because they were born with one less body part, which, the last I heard, does not contain any extra brain cells," Kane said at Tuesday's announcement.

For someone who has never seen porn, investigating the official email accounts of Pennsylvania officials could be a harsh education.

So far, Kane's release of porn emails have led to the retirement of state Supreme Court justice, the investigation of another justice, and forced sensitivity trainings for three Philly prosecutors.

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"We're going to start with emails. There's literally tens of thousands of emails … perhaps more than 100,000 emails," Gansler said. "We just don't know what's in those emails."

Kane is currently under indictment in Montgomery County for leaking confidential grand jury information to the press.

She has had her law license suspended by the state Supreme Court, and the state Senate is holding hearings currently over whether she can perform the functions of her job without a license and whether a two-thirds vote of the state legislature could remove her.

Even if she's gone, Gansler said his work may continue.

"We would hope that whoever would replace General Kane would also be interested," he said. "The people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve to have confidence in their judiciary, their Office of Attorney General, their criminal justice system."

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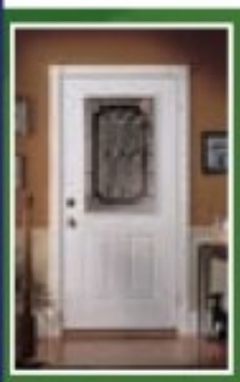

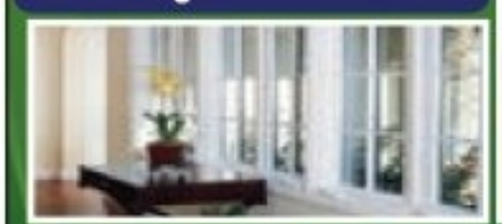

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Obama urges Turkey leaders to reduce tensions with Russia

President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan meets with President Barack Obama s in Paris on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Obama met Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan in Paris, where they have been attending a climate summit, a week after Turkish jets shot down a Russian warplane along the Syrian border.

President Barack Obama urged Turkey on Tuesday to reduce tensions with Moscow after the downing of a Russian warplane and to seal its border with Syria to choke off the supply of money and fighters to Islamic State militants.

He also raised the specter of Afghanistan in warning Russia against getting bogged down in its military campaign to prop up Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

But hopes of the de-escalation called for by Obama suffered a setback when Russia officially announced a list of sanctions to be imposed on Turkey and sources said Moscow may also freeze work on a major gas pipeline project.

Obama stressed that U.S. support for its NATO ally's security remained steadfast.

"The United States supports Turkey's right to defend itself and its airspace and its territory," Obama said. "We discussed how Turkey and Russia can work together to de-escalate tensions and find a diplomatic path to resolve this issue."

Obama told Erdogan that the Islamic State militant group, also known as ISIL or ISIS, must be pursued by all sides, echoing a message he delivered to Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday. "We all have a common enemy, and that is [ISIS], and I want to make sure that we focus on that threat," Obama said.

Tensions between Russia and Turkey have complicated U.S. efforts to prod Moscow into steering its military might towards Islamic State rather than Western-backed Syrian opposition groups. Putin supports Assad, while Obama and Erdogan want him to go.

Obama said he did not expect a quick reversal of Putin's strategy in Syria, but Moscow may eventually align itself with the U.S.-led coalition fighting ISIS. REUTERS

Pipe bomb explodes on overpass in Istanbul

Five people were injured when a pipe bomb exploded on an overpass near an Istanbul metro station on Tuesday, the district mayor said, halting some train operations and heightening security fears in Europe's biggest city.

Turkey has been on high alert since more than 100 people were killed by two suicide bombers in the capital Ankara in October, three months after a similar attack at a town near the Syrian border in July left 33 dead.

Tuesday's blast near the Bayrampasa metro station came at the height of the evening rush hour, district Mayor Atilla Aydiner told A Haber television. Bayrampasa is a residential and industrial area on the European side of Istanbul.

Another broadcaster earlier reported that one person had been killed but Aydiner confirmed only five injuries.

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'Dinosaur disco' footprints reveal lifestyle of Jurassic giants

On a platform of rock jutting into the Atlantic on Scotland's Isle of Skye, hundreds of newly discovered dinosaur tracks are changing the way scientists view the lifestyle of some of the largest creatures to walk the Earth.

Scientists on Tuesday said they found the vast collection of Jurassic Period footprints, some reaching 28 inches in diameter, made when dinosaurs called sauropods waded through shallow water in a brackish lagoon 170 million years ago.

"There were clearly lots of sauropods moving all around this lagoon. They were at home there, they were thriving there. Looking at the chaotic jumble of tracks, it looks like a dance floor, like a dinosaur disco," University of Edinburgh paleontologist Steve Brusatte said.

An artist's impression of Sauropod dinosaurs on the Isle of Skye in this undated handout photo. UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH HANDOUT

Sauropods were four-legged plant-eaters with long necks, long tails, pillar-like legs and immense bodies. It is uncertain what species made the Isle of Skye tracks, but Brusatte estimates these dinosaurs were 50 feet long and weighed 15-20 tons.

Sauropods as a group included the planet's biggest terrestrial animals. The Isle of Skye sauropods were relatively primitive, perhaps "an early cousin or ancestor of the famous ones like diplodocus and brontosaurus," Brusatte said.

Brusatte said many decades ago scientists thought sauropods must have lived in swamps because such behemoths could never support their weight on land, but that idea was discarded in the 1970s with the realization they were well-adapted for living on land as shown by their skeletal structure.

This fossil footprint site and other recent finds show these dinosaurs really did spend at least some time in the water, Brusatte said. These sauropods were not swimmers or pure water-dwellers, probably living mostly on land but still spending time in the water, he said.

"Maybe these lagoons were a ready source of food, or offered protection from predators. But regardless of the answer, this discovery and the other recent ones are inspiring us to reimagine the lifestyles of these most incredible of ancient creatures," Brusatte said.

Few fossils are known from this age, the middle of the Jurassic, University of Edinburgh paleontologist Tom Challands said.

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BRIEF

Facebook's Zuckerberg to give 99 percent of shares to charity

Facebook Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg and his wife said on Tuesday they will give away 99 percent of their Facebook shares, currently worth about $45 billion, to a new charity in a letter addressed to their daughter, Max, who was born last week.

The plan mirrors a move by other high-profile billionaires like Warren Buffett and Bill and Melinda Gates, who have pledged and set up foundations to give away their fortunes to charity.

On his Facebook page, Zuckerberg posted a photo of himself, his wife, Priscilla Chan and their new daughter, Max, along with a post entitled 'A letter to our daughter.'

In the 2,220-word letter, Zuckerberg and Chan touched on issues including health, education, Internet access and learning before announcing the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, which aims to "advance human potential and promote equality."

Zuckerberg, 31, and Chan said they plan to give away 99 percent of their Facebook shares over their lifetimes to advance the initiative, which was formed as a limited liability company controlled by the two. It will begin by focusing on personalized learning, curing disease, Internet connectivity and community building.

Max Chan Zuckerberg was born early last week — though Facebook did not specify her birth date — and weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces at birth. Last month, Zuckerberg announced he would take two months of paternity leave after the birth of his daughter.

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Cyber Monday sales top $3 billion as discounts spur buyers

Americans bought more than $3 billion of goods Cyber Monday, a leading survey showed, as bigger-than-expected discounts and strong demand for electronics and toys added up to the biggest day for U.S. online sales.

Mobile devices accounted for 26 percent of online sales, according to the Adobe Digital Index report, based on data from 200 million visits to 4,500 retail websites on what is traditionally the busiest day of the year for Internet shopping.

Top-selling items included Lego Star Wars, the Barbie Dream House, Samsung 4k TV sets and Apple's iPad Mini. Star Wars toys were among the items most frequently out of stock, Adobe said in a report.

A spike in online sales on the first Monday after Thanksgiving weekend was originally attributed to fast Internet connections in offices, which persuaded shoppers to wait out Black Friday and make purchases online from their workplace.

As Cyber Monday has grown over the past decade, online retailers have offered bigger promotions.

"So many businesses fared better this year because they planned it out better," said Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst at NPD Group, a retail industry research firm. "Overall, pretty much every retailer performed better than in years past."

Online sales were in stark contrast to the performance of brick-and-mortar retailers over the four-day weekend. Sales fell 10.4 percent from a year earlier to $20.43 billion, according to research firm ShopperTrak.

Apple's iPad Mini

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THE AVERAGE DISCOUNT ON ITEMS SOLD DURING CYBER MONDAY WAS 21.5 PERCENT, ADOBE SAID IN ITS REPORT. THIS CONTRIBUTED TO A 16 PERCENT RISE IN ONLINE SALES TO $3.07 BILLION.

Cyber Monday did not go without a hitch, however. Many consumers spent hours waiting in virtual lines and about 14 in every 100, or more than double the average for a normal day, logged on to find their chosen product out of stock.

Star Wars fans weren't the only disappointed consumers. Samsung Electronics Co.'s 55-inch screen 4K TVs were among the items most often out of stock, as were some Sony PlayStation and Microsoft Xbox console bundles. REUTERS

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ISIS online supporters include 300 Americans

Active online supporters of the Syria-based Islamic State movement now include about 300 people identifiable as Americans, said a study by academic experts.

The study by George Washington University's Program on Extremism said the number of other Americans who passively "consume" Islamic State propaganda runs to "several thousand," though they are not necessarily active supporters of the group.

American ISIS activists and sympathizers also use other social media, ranging from open forums such as Twitter, Facebook, Google+ and Tumblr to more secretive messaging apps including Kik, Telegram, Surespot and the dark web, the study said.

American online ISIS supporters are sufficiently active and noisy to have established themselves as "nodes," or leading voices promoting Islamic State themes, while others serve as "amplifiers," who repost materials from more prominent activists.

The study said U.S. Islamic State activists have helped craft a "unique innovation" in militant messaging. This involves creation of "shout out" accounts, which enable activists to "introduce new pro-ISIS accounts to the community and promote newly created accounts of previously suspended users, allowing them to quickly regain their pre-suspension status."

Some Americans support ISIS online. GETTY IMAGES

The study noted that, although American social media accounts linked to ISIS are regularly suspended, among the activists such suspensions have become a "badge of honor and a means by which an aspirant can bolster his or her legitimacy."

Operators of suspended accounts usually set up and start using a newly created account, using only a variation of the previous user name, "within hours" of most suspensions, it said.

Even though Islamic State's forerunners first emerged after the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, Islamic State's "message did not exist" before the organization established itself in Syria and became involved in a civil war against the government of President Bashar al Assad, said Lorenzo Vidino, one of the study's principal authors.

Vidino cited FBI statistics indicating that U.S. authorities are pursuing 900 terrorism-related investigations in all 50 U.S. states. REUTERS

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HIS STUDY NOTED THAT 71 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED BY U.S. AUTHORITIES WITH ISIS-RELATED OFFENSES SINCE MARCH 2014, WITH 51 OF THOSE ARRESTS OCCURRING IN 2015.

BRIEF

Accused killer Durst faces $100 million lawsuit

Nine months after millionaire Robert Durst appeared to confess on television to killing his wife, her family is suing for $100 million on the unusual grounds they never got to bury their loved one properly.

While Durst, 72, was never charged in the 1982 disappearance of Kathleen Durst, he is in custody in New Orleans on a federal gun charge while he awaits extradition to Los Angeles for the 2000 killing of longtime friend Susan Berman.

In filing a lawsuit in New York state court on Monday, attorneys for Kathleen Durst's family relied on an obscure bit of common law, known as the right to sepulcher, which gives families the right to bury their relatives properly.

Right to sepulcher lawsuits, which are rare, typically are filed against institutions such as hospitals that handle bodies.

Marvin Ben-Aron, an attorney who brought one of the few high-profile sepulcher claims in recent years on behalf of a family whose son's brain ended up in a New York City medical examiner's office without permission, said he was not aware of any other such lawsuits filed against a private individual for an alleged murder.

The lawsuit was brought by the mother and three sisters of Durst's wife, Kathleen, who was declared legally dead.

"For the past 33 years, Durst has concealed the whereabouts of Kathleen's body from her next of kin," the complaint said.

Relatives of a murder victim normally cannot sue the supposed killer for emotional harm or wrongful death, according to personal injury attorneys. Instead, any claims would belong to the victim's estate, which would then distribute any damages obtained.

But the right of sepulcher includes the presumption that family members suffer harm when their loved one's body is not promptly turned over for burial.

The HBO series "The Jinx," which aired earlier this year, documented investigations into Durst's possible involvement in several murders.

In the final episode, Durst's voice was recorded saying, "What the hell did I do? Killed them all, of course." REUTERS

How to make your charitable giving count

Giving to the Salvation Army is commendable, but setting up a monthly donation will do even more good. GETTY IMAGES

Here is a helpful rule of thumb for donating to charities this holiday season: Take your time.

People waste billions of dollars on inefficient, poorly run or downright fraudulent charities because they do not bother to research where their money is going. And even donations to legitimate causes can be squandered by last-minute, impulsive or scattershot giving, says Daniel Borochoff, president and founder of nonprofit watchdog Charity Watch. Given that so many people and causes need help, such waste cannot be tolerated. Here are some helpful tips on how to maximize your generosity.

Give more to one charity, not less to several

Rather than responding to emotional appeals, determine what causes you are passionate about, says Sandra Miniutti, vice president of Charity Navigator, another watchdog. Then, narrow the field further by thinking about how you want your money used. If you want to fight cancer, for example, do you want your money to go for advocacy and awareness? To fund research, or treatment for people who cannot afford it?

Do your research

We are not talking about handing a few bucks to a homeless person but about giving money to the solicitors with clipboards outside Starbucks or the telemarketers who cold-call you. Until you do some research on a site like Guidestar.com, you do not really know where the money is going or how much is spent on fundraising. (A hint: Those solicitors outside Starbucks may be on commission.)

If more than 25 percent of donations goes to overhead, you may want to look for another charity, Miniutti says. Whatever you do, avoid telemarketers. On average, only one-third of the money donated this way gets through to the charity, Borochoff says.

Don't avoid charities just because the CEO is rich

Maybe you have done enough research to discover the nonprofit's leader makes six figures, and that left a bad taste in your mouth. Get over it. "Many donors have this unreasonable expectation that CEOs should volunteer their time," Miniutti says. "Salaries shouldn't be the only metric."

A better way to judge if a salary is excessive is to find out if the charity has a compensation committee that reviews what similar-sized nonprofits pay their top leaders. That committee should not include the CEO. Another safeguard is a board of directors with at least five independent voting members, Miniutti says. "Independent" means they are not related to or reporting to the CEO.

Give year-round, not just at the holidays

Many nonprofits get a big chunk of their money at year's end, when the holidays remind us how blessed we are — or how we need to reduce our taxes. But it is a lot easier on your wallet, and on the charities, to set up monthly payments that spread your generosity throughout the year. "Charities love these monthly gifts," Miniutti says. "It helps with their cash flow."

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So much for Courteney Cox's engagement

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Courteney Cox is reportedly in a state of shock after the sudden end of her engagement to and relationship with Snow Patrol musician Johnny McDaid, according to Radar Online. "Courteney is just blown out of the water by this. She's really down in the dumps," a source says. "Johnny was really the love of her life. She doesn't know where this came from." Where it came from, according to the source, is McDaid wanting to get the focus back on his career and his reported discomfort at being her arm candy. "Johnny had a hard time dealing with her celebrity lifestyle," the source explains. "He had enough of the scene and just wants to focus on his music." Cox and McDaid started dating in late 2013 and were engaged in June 2014.

Lupe Fiasco reignites feud with Kid Cudi

Lupe Fiasco's beef with Kid Cudi is far from over. While things have been quiet since their initial Twitter beef in January — when Cudi publicly criticized Fiasco for engaging in a Twitter war with Azealia Banks — the bad blood is back in full force. At a Milwaukee concert last weekend, Fiasco fired a shot at Cudi via a freestyle rap: "Make sure that you listen to every rhythm that I be spittin', unconditionally written. P.S.: To all my enemies, you are now forgiven. Except Kid Cudi, 'cause that's not my motherf—ing buddy, if I see him in the streets, it's getting motherf—ing ugly." At least Fiasco expressed some remorse for the jab on Twitter: "At the end of that Milwaukee freestyle I let tha Cudi s—t go. He still a b—h in my book. But Im done wit it #promise." Cudi, for his part, has kept quiet. EMILY LAURENCE

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Vince Staples: 'I learned a lot of hard lessons'

The 22-year-old rapper opens up about what his past taught him about his future.

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Vince Staples' debut album, "Summertime '06" was produced by No I.D. PROVIDED

Rap fans have so eagerly consumed Vince Staples' debut album, "Summertime '06" since its June release that his cross-country tour is still going strong. After four mixtapes and a well-received EP, the Odd Future and Earl Sweatshirt mentee gave fans a double album of songs about his not-so-easy childhood.

Coming of age

The 22-year-old rapper chose to center his album around this specific tween summer because he says it signifies when he transitioned from a child to a young man. "It was a coming of age sort of thing, and since this is my first album, I thought it was a good moment to [focus on]," he tells us.

Staples has released songs in the past that speak to his tumultuous childhood, such as "Nate," which lyricizes his father's criminal background and beating his mother. But he says now that when he was a kid, he didn't realize his upbringing was different from anyone else's. "It's not a sad album," he says. "The things that were happening at the time didn't seem that bad because I was a kid."

Learning the hard way

It wasn't until he was older that he saw the situation differently. "I learned a lot of hard lessons that summer," he says. "I learned things that I'm just now fully grasping and understanding the lessons. The things I learned that summer are things I'll keep with me for a long time."

Staples says what he learned the most is that life is about experiences and if you don't learn from what life throws your way, you miss the opportunity to grow as a person.

A well-rounded sound

Growing up in Long Beach, California, influenced his sound too; Staples draws from rock and synth more than most rappers on the charts. "When you ask people who put Long Beach on the map musically, many people would say Snoop Dogg, but there are just as many people who would say Sublime," he says. "Long Beach is very diverse. There's black people, white people, Asians, Hispanics. … It brought a lot of music to my ears." He waves off the misconception that he's a "gangster rapper," saying he doesn't even really know what that means.

Music appreciation

If Staples were to make a "Summertime '15" album, he says it would be a little quieter and more of a celebration. "I've had a good year. I've had a few losses, but there have been a lot more good things than bad and I'd want to express that emotion."

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Makeup secrets from Dita Von Teese

The burlesque icon divulges her skin-care secrets, confidence-boosters and beauty advice.

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Dita Von Teese has long been the doyenne of glamour, burlesque and, of course, naughtiness. Rarely seen without her trademark look — cat eye, red lip, raven locks, pale skin — the 43-year-old is always flawless, thanks to a youthful complexion she puts down to her unwavering dedication to sunscreen.

These days, Von Teese is all about celebrating beauty, but not just hers. Her book, "Your Beauty Mark," is a collection of exclusive how-tos and tips and tricks from Von Teese and her equally sumptuous friends.

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"Wanting to be like the glamour idols I saw in old movies — Hedy Lamarr, Betty Grable and Marilyn Monroe — is a childhood obsession that's never left me. I thought, 'When I'm a grown up lady, I'm going to be like that!' It didn't occur to me that that would be weird or anything, just that that was how I wanted to be."

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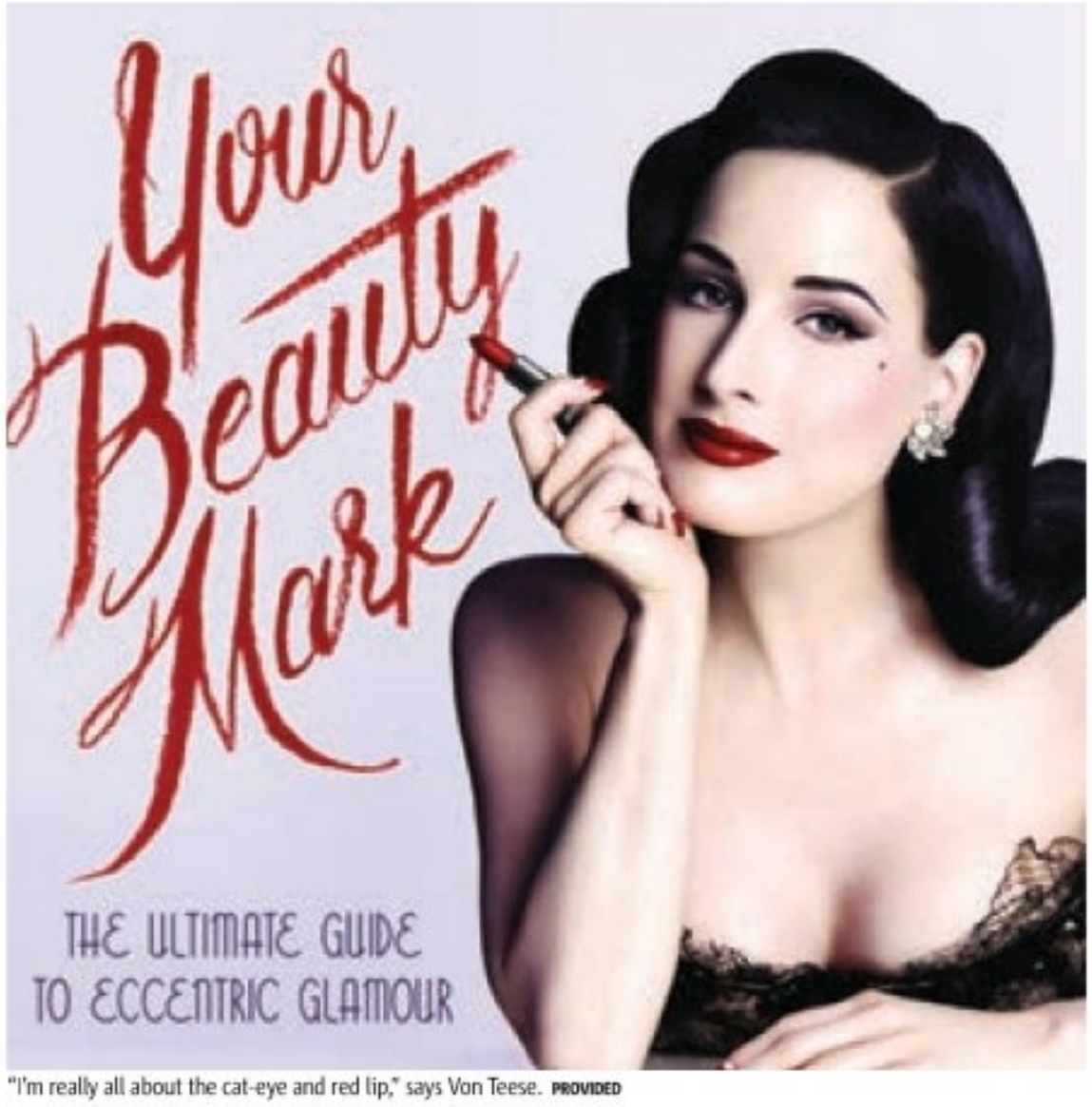
"I don't wear a full face of makeup every day — most of the time I need about five minutes to get ready. I have a sweep of face powder, maybe a little bit of mascara, red lipstick, and I tie my hair back in a neat chignon. I'm not talking red carpet glamour, but the way that you might see me caught off guard in paparazzi photos. People think I look polished, but I know there's nothing under those sunglasses."



"I'm really all about the cat-eye and red lip," says Von Teese. PROVIDED

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Kit Harington doesn't want

The "Game of Thrones" and "MI:5" star has no 007 aspirations.

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Kit Harington takes a break from playing the maybe alive, maybe dead Jon Snow on "Game of Thrones" to suit up as a hard-charging, gun-toting British spy. But not *that* British spy. Harington stars in the film extension of the British TV drama "MI:5," and to hear him tell it, this is a far cry from the world of James Bond.

A big spy thriller is an important entry on an actor's bucket list.

I found it really exciting. I like quite physical roles and action-based roles, and I felt I hadn't quite filled my quota of them as a young man just yet. I also wanted to step into a more modern movie, something set now. I'm seriously anti-gun, actually, but there's something quite exciting to get to do it as an actor — run around as a spy with a gun. But I think I wanted to do it because he felt like a bit of a different spy to me, really. He wasn't really Bourne and he wasn't Bond. I kind of like working my way through genres or roles, and "spy" was definitely on my bucket list to play.

Would you be up for doing more, even though you've crossed that one out?

I think so, sometime in the future with the right role. I felt this one was exciting because it felt very British. I'm a London boy and it was shot in my hometown — a real London, not a kind of Hollywood-ized version of London where you see a red bus and the Houses of Parliament. It felt more real than that.

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There was a lot of brutalist architecture and the South Bank, and that's the London I know.

And you actually filmed at Heathrow, which is impressive.
It was slightly hairy, though. I had to run through Heathrow when it wasn't locked down with a handgun, which is kind of a bit worrying, seeing as you've got armed guards there. You sort of have that worry that there might be one policeman who wasn't at the briefing that morning, just turned up late or something and sees a young man running toward the departure gate with a handgun. It's probably a shoot-to-kill policy, I would've thought.

Bearish on Bond

You're young, British and playing a spy. How many questions about being the next James Bond have you had to weather?
(Laughs) Yeah, it's funny that, isn't it? The fact that it's an English spy movie and I'm a Brit really sort of opens the door for a question of, "Would you like to play James Bond?" I don't think I'll ever get to play Bond, quite seriously, and it's such a ridiculous question to be asked. I love Bond, but this is definitely not Bond. This is more based in reality than Bond is.

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Making sense

Director Charlotte Northeast had to find the meaning behind the gibberish in the absurdist "Bald Soprano."

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Aetna Gallagher, Ken Opdenaker, Maria Konstantinidis and Brandon Pierce, in back, and Rachel Gluck and CJ Keller, in front, in "The Bald Soprano." JR BLACKWELL

Eugene Ionesco's first play, "The Bald Soprano," depicts a breakdown in communication between two couples as their banal conversation deteriorates into nonsensical gibberish. When the Curio Theatre Company approached Charlotte Northeast to direct the play, she felt daunted by the playwright's absurdist approach and its 1950s setting. But on first reading the play she recognized a modern parallel that immediately bridged the 65 years since its first production: the Internet.

"We have all these tools of communication and yet we say very, very little," Northeast says. "We always want to be heard, yet we seem to drown each other out. In 1950, Ionesco wrote about the noise of small talk, the everyday things that we say to each other without ever really getting anywhere. I actually think we've gotten worse since he wrote it. We still have a long way to go."

Curio's production, from a script adapted by playwright Tina Howe,

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doesn't modernize the play. Instead, through the use of projection screens, Northeast links the characters' devolving interactions to contemporary crosstalk on Yelp or Facebook. "They're like tiny synapses that fire," the director explains. "They don't move the plot — they're meant to add a layer to it. I just wanted to give these little signposts to the audience as my way of helping them into this world."

"The Bald Soprano"

Dec. 2-19
Curio Theatre Company
4740 Baltimore Ave.
215-525-1350, $15-$25
Curiotheatre.org

Northeast herself struggled at first to find her own way into the play. An actress and director as well as artistic associate for the Philadelphia Artists' Collective, she had no real experience with the Theatre of the Absurd, and was worried about the piece becoming nonsense for nonsense's sake, a constant pitfall with productions of Ionesco. "You don't want to go nuts," she says. "Anybody could go in there and say, 'Let's do the weirdest thing possible.' But that's not interesting. To me the challenge was finding truth in non sequiturs."

That's particularly challenging in a play with head-scratching dialogue like "Let's go slap Ulysses in the face?" or a local fire chief making unsettling, inexplicable references to the titular bald soprano. They key, Northeast says, is to maintain the reality built into this unreal situation. "You need to find what I'm calling 'the rules.' They can be as absurd as you want as long as you respect those rules. So if we say the sky is green, then the sky has to be green the whole time. We've made an effort to find the truth and the access points so that the absurdity can really flower."

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TIMOTHY CAISON

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Is Kelly's job hanging on by a thread with lowly Eagles?

Suddenly, after three brutal losses, Chip Kelly's job may actually be in jeopardy.

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The Eagles head to New England for the National Game of the Week at 4:25 this coming Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

The grace period is certainly over for Chip Kelly.

His radical ideas about how to run a football team have not shown success in his third season at the helm of the Eagles, and amid some ugly losses heading into an insanely tough test against the Patriots, there have been rumors and talk-show musings over whether he even wants to stay here after this season.

Kelly even blamed the media in a press conference earlier this week.

"It's kind of sad that everybody can just write whatever they want or say whatever they want and everybody takes it as the truth," Kelly said Monday afternoon. "It's the world we live in, but if you have to sit there every day and combat everything that comes out, I think you're just wasting time. Our focus and energy is going to be on the New England Patriots."

It is understood that barring some kind of crazy drama in the next few weeks, Kelly will be finishing the season as Eagles head coach. But will he choose to stay in Philly instead of returning to college where he had great success? Or could Jeffrey Lurie, with Howie Roseman reportedly shopping for a new job, jump ship after three seasons with Kelly?

Here are three pieces of evidence for both outcomes:

Chip is staying

- Kelly's contract, signed before the 2013 season, was a five-year deal worth over $32 million. It's a deal that is pretty robust and would be hard to walk away from — especially if he's not forcibly removed.
- They're still in the running for an NFC East title and playoff berth, even after a 4-7 start through 10 games. If the Eagles can stay within striking distance of the Giants, who are one game ahead, the Birds could have a reasonable shot at the playoffs, especially with a Week 17 match at Giants Stadium on January 3.
- Andy Reid was given the keys to the Eagles franchise. And though his lean times may not have felt as tough to swallow as the current times, under Kelly, Jeffrey Lurie and the Eagles have invested a lot in Kelly. He has full roster control and has been overhauling the team for three seasons now. It would set the franchise back by a magnitude to turn their backs on Kelly before he's had enough time to run the show. Kelly wouldn't walk away from having full say with an NFL team — no matter how tough the media climate is.

Chip is leaving

- There are some pretty great college gigs open, though USC just nabbed its head coach. And the Titans, reportedly, are interested in trading for Kelly. If the rumors are true, only Kelly knows.
- After the initial success Kelly saw from his fast-paced offense early in his NFL career, defenses have adjusted and Kelly has not. Perhaps the stale, devolving scheme Kelly refuses to alter will lead to his decision to leave the NFL ranks.
- Maybe reports from Adam Schefter were right. Maybe the Eagles are sick of Kelly and he is sick of Philadelphia. If so, he could turn in the keys and head elsewhere in 2016. Fans are definitely frustrated and have not gotten over Kelly's decisions to part ways with stars like DeSean Jackson, LeSean McCoy, Jeremy Maclin and others.

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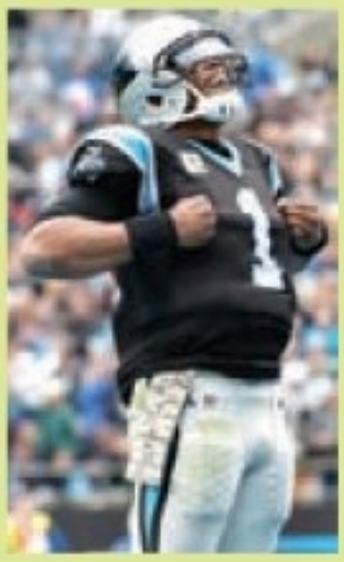
Panthers (11-0)



The Patriots' first loss means Carolina finally reaches the top, and maybe they should have sooner. The last undefeated team shows no signs of slowing down. It's been four weeks since Carolina played an opponent (the Colts) that finished within a score.

No. 2

Broncos (9-2)

After the win over New England, the Broncos sit just a game back from the Patriots in the race for home field advantage in the AFC. They have a home game upcoming against the Bengals that could further that case. Who's to say the Pats can't drop another game and propel Denver?

No. 3

Patriots (9-1)

Bill Belichick and Tom Brady's chance for a second undefeated regular season is lost, but the more devastating loss is certainly Rob Gronkowski. The injuries sustained by the Patriots so far could be partly offset by Brady's ability to rely on his biggest threat, figuratively and literally.

No. 4

Cardinals (9-2)

The Cardinals were oddly flat against San Francisco, but maybe that's what happens a week after winning a close one over an opponent as big as the Bengals. And hey, if it weren't this close, we probably wouldn't have seen Carson Palmer run into the end zone for that spectacular spike.

No. 5

Bengals (9-2)

All's well in Bengalland. Andy Dalton found his two favorite targets three times in the endzone: A.J. Green and Tyler Eifert. For Eifert, it was his 12th touchdown on the season. For Green, his two scores were his first since Week 8, and that score was his first since Week 3 against the Ravens.

No. 6

Packers (7-4)

Brett Favre's big night was spoiled not by weather, but Green Bay's fourth loss in five games. Usually the weather is to the Packers' advantage, but it was their receivers who seemed to suffer most Thanksgiving night. Positives: Eddie Lacy and James Starks combined for 144 rushing yards.

No. 7

Vikings (8-3)

This was a really nice bounce-back game for the Vikings. Fresh off a defeat that looked worse than it was to Green Bay, they came out and stayed true to themselves — pounding Adrian Peterson down the highly ranked Falcons rush defenses' throat. This is how they'll win.

No. 8

Chiefs (6-5)

It's crazy to think the Chiefs could go 0-5, and then finish 10-0 to go 11-5, right? The only opponents left on their schedule: Raiders, Chargers, Ravens, Browns, Raiders. It's crazy, right? One thing in their favor: They apparently can't find bad running backs in Kansas City.

No. 9

Seahawks (6-5)

After five wins against subpar competition, Seattle was in place for a put-up or shut-up moment, and they put up. It was their passing game that came through, as Russell Wilson threw five touchdowns, three to Doug Baldwin. Can they keep it up with Jimmy Graham now injured?

No. 10

Steelers (6-5)

Turnovers, they'll get you. Four interceptions, two from Ben Roethlisberger and two from Landry Jones, put Pittsburgh behind the eight ball, even though they gained 538 total yards Sunday. The Steelers' secondary was questioned before the game, and their performance didn't help.

No. 11

Colts (6-5)

Two trains roll on: Matt Hasselbeck's winning streak as the Colts' starting quarterback, and the Colts' abysmal inability to run the football. It is now 45 games without a 100-yard rusher for Indy, not since Vick Ballard in 2012, and Frank Gore's latest efforts are trending the wrong way.

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Texans (6-5)

The Texans are pretty much a quieter version of the Chiefs, with a 1-4 start and a four-game win streak. What's weirdest is that they took off once Arian Foster was hurt (again).

No. 13

Bills (5-6)

Sammy Watkins took apart Kansas City with some lovely catches, just not quite as quickly as the Chiefs were taking apart Buffalo. A big game vs. Houston is next this week.

No. 14

Jets (6-5)

These were the Jets we saw early in the season, with everything clicking. Chris Ivory had a beautiful touchdown run, and Ryan Fitzpatrick put his beard to rest with four TDs.

No. 15

Bears (5-6)

A week after their winning streak was put to bed with a close home loss to Denver, Chicago had a bounce-back effort in a huge Thanksgiving game on the road in Green Bay.

No. 16

Raiders (5-6)

Nothing like the Titans to right the ship. Credit them for being ready to play in a noon game they had to fly east for. Seth Roberts hauled in 113 yards and two touchdowns.

No. 17

Buccaneers (5-6)

Even while rolling up 235 rushing yards last week against the Eagles, Doug Martin didn't score, and he still hasn't since Week 5. They have end-of-drive scoring issues.

No. 18

Redskins (5-6)

Having DeSean Jackson around might be important for Washington down the stretch. He has 56- and 63-yard touchdown receptions in his last two games.

No. 19

Falcons (6-5)

The Falcons lost so many games to bad teams to start this downward spiral that now that they're running up against good teams they can't help but fall further.

No. 20

Giants (5-6)

At any moment the Giants can tighten up and play a game like a few weeks ago in New England, and at any given moment some part of the team can completely disappear.

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- **21 — Lions (4-7):** Three wins in a row makes it look like the Lions picked the right people to fire. Megatron was vintage against Philly with three TD catches..
- **22 — Saints (4-7):** The Saints hadn't gone a game without a touchdown since 2005. In their last win (three games ago) Drew Brees threw for seven.
- **23 — Dolphins (4-7):** The Fins had nine carries for 12 yards against the Jets. Now that's what you call abandoning the running game.
- **24 — Jaguars (4-7):** Julius Thomas, the Jags leading receiver, is showing he can do it without Peyton Manning. That's good for Jacksonville, as they likely won't have a Manning-like QB anytime soon.
- **25 — Ravens (4-7):** Kudos to Matt Schaub, Javorius Allen and Terrance West, who put together a passable offense sooner than expected.
- **27 — Eagles (4-7):** They've allowed 90 points over two games. And gained negative 9 yards in the second quarter Thursday. Just two of some of the many Eagles facts that will amaze you.

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Jenkins shares his frustration, questions coaches' philosophy

One of the Eagles' defensive leaders was not shy to pull back the curtain on what goes on in the Eagles practice facility.

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Chip Kelly's philosophy when it comes to football is to move fast. The faster his offense plays, the more plays the team gets to run.

It's the same when it comes to preparation. But that could be hurting the team.

A day after going on WIP's "The Locker Room" and questioning some of defensive coordinator Billy Davis' decisions, particularly in red zone situations, Malcolm Jenkins pulled back the curtain on the way the Eagles do business in the actual locker room.

"I think the way that the schedule is set up allows us to get a lot done," he said, "but it doesn't give you the opportunity to have those long extended meetings in a team setting. We spend a lot of time in individual groups. There is not a lot of meeting time with the entire team.

> *"I don't know what is being said in the other room."*
> Malcolm Jenkins

"I don't think that that's a bad thing — I think we get a lot more accomplished. But any time you move faster throughout the day you don't have time to double back. All our stuff gets done early in the week, so sometimes, those mistakes or corrections or communications are held to the end of the week. Some people learn differently. I spend a lot of time here at the facility … me personally, I came into the league on a team where I didn't leave the facility until 7 o'clock."

Jenkins says he often discusses his views with Davis, but also says he understand the coaches decisions and respects the way they chose to run the team.

The defensive back also shed light on the strict separation Davis and Kelly implement when it comes to prep work each and every week.

"From a coaching style, I was brought up a little bit different," the safety said, likely referencing his years as a New Orleans Saint. "Most mistakes that teammates make or players make are brought up in more of a team setting. But the approach here is more in the individual rooms, and it's by design and that's on purpose. A lot of the times when things happen, say on the defensive side of the ball, the secondary isn't playing well, the mistakes aren't pointed out in front of the entire defense, it's dealt with in the DB room. A D-lineman might not know necessarily what the mistakes are or what we need to get better."

With the Eagles often appearing not to be on the same page, perhaps this separation is hurting the club.

"For me, I'm a bit of a control freak," Jenkins said. I like to know what the mistakes are, and what we're trying to get better at."

That being said, Jenkins is not about to turn on the Eagles' (thus far disastrously unsuccessful) scheme.

"Every now and then, this is probably two or three plays a game, [the opposing offense] schemes up something … but I think it's more of us not executing our scheme."

Malcolm Jenkins and the Eagles defense have allowed 90 points in their last two games combined. GETTY IMAGES

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Hexagon Word

Clues:

1. Residential district
2. Dilapidate car, rust ...
3. Earn (interest)
4. Removing fluid from
5. Leggings
6. Stipulated proportions

Use the clues to fill in the spaces in the numbered hexagons. Each answer runs clockwise but can start anywhere in the shape. Where hexagons touch, they have the same letter. We've given you the first answer. The letters in the middle hexagon reveal a mystery keyword.

Mix 'n' Match

GAR	ANT	ERS
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MAR	UMA	IED
NEW	SPA	ING
SEN	GGE	PER
SLA	SEL	RED
TAR	UGH	TER
TRA	DEN	TIC
TRI	RIF	ULA

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Clues:

1. Large hairy spider
2. Plundering
3. Morning edition
4. Activated
5. Meaningless
6. Massacre
7. Horticulturists
8. Aghast

Take a set of letters from each column and combine them to form a nine-letter answer to each clue. Once finished, the remaining sets of letters will spell out another nine-letter word. This is your answer

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Across

1 — el-Sadat
6 Mighty steed
10 Ice-cream treat
14 Rim
15 Bartok or Lugosi
16 Prompted
17 Windy City airport
18 With, to Pierre
19 Fjord port
20 Very close
22 AAA suggestions
23 Bird abode
24 Snapshot
26 Gamboled
30 Drive-in servers
34 Shake a leg
35 Insect resins
36 Placed
37 Wednesday's god
38 Fake bullet
40 Translucent mineral
41 Hamm of soccer
42 Income sources
43 Full of crud
44 Self-important
46 Generosity
48 It may be poached
49 Highway hauler
50 Veers
53 Lead? (2 wds.)
59 Touched down
60 Get bored
61 — coon cat
62 Freeway strip
63 Europe-Asia range
64 Odds' opposites
65 Cal Tech grad
66 Ink sources
67 Update a watch

Down

1 Bard's river
2 Radar O'Reilly's drink
3 Stole, for example
4 Taj Mahal site
5 NASA splashdown
6 Diminished
7 Ziegfeld offering
8 Baldwin of films
9 Hiker's gear
10 Pressing problem?
11 Supplant
12 Edit out
13 Hubbubs
21 Rapper Dr. —
25 W-2 collectors
26 Eat like a horse
27 Video companion
28 Troy's last king
29 Sea eagle
30 "Little Engine" verb
31 Hazard a guess
32 Hockey needs
33 Visits
35 Refrain syllables
38 Cleared the shelves (2 wds.)
39 Deli units
40 Coffee holder
42 Get some exercise
43 More bleak
45 Bother
46 Floors or stories
47 A Vanderbilt
49 See-through sealer
50 Type of lock
51 Novelist — Paton
52 Annex
54 Blarney Stone locale
55 Chalet feature
56 Makes a bow
57 Murray or Rice
58 Perchance

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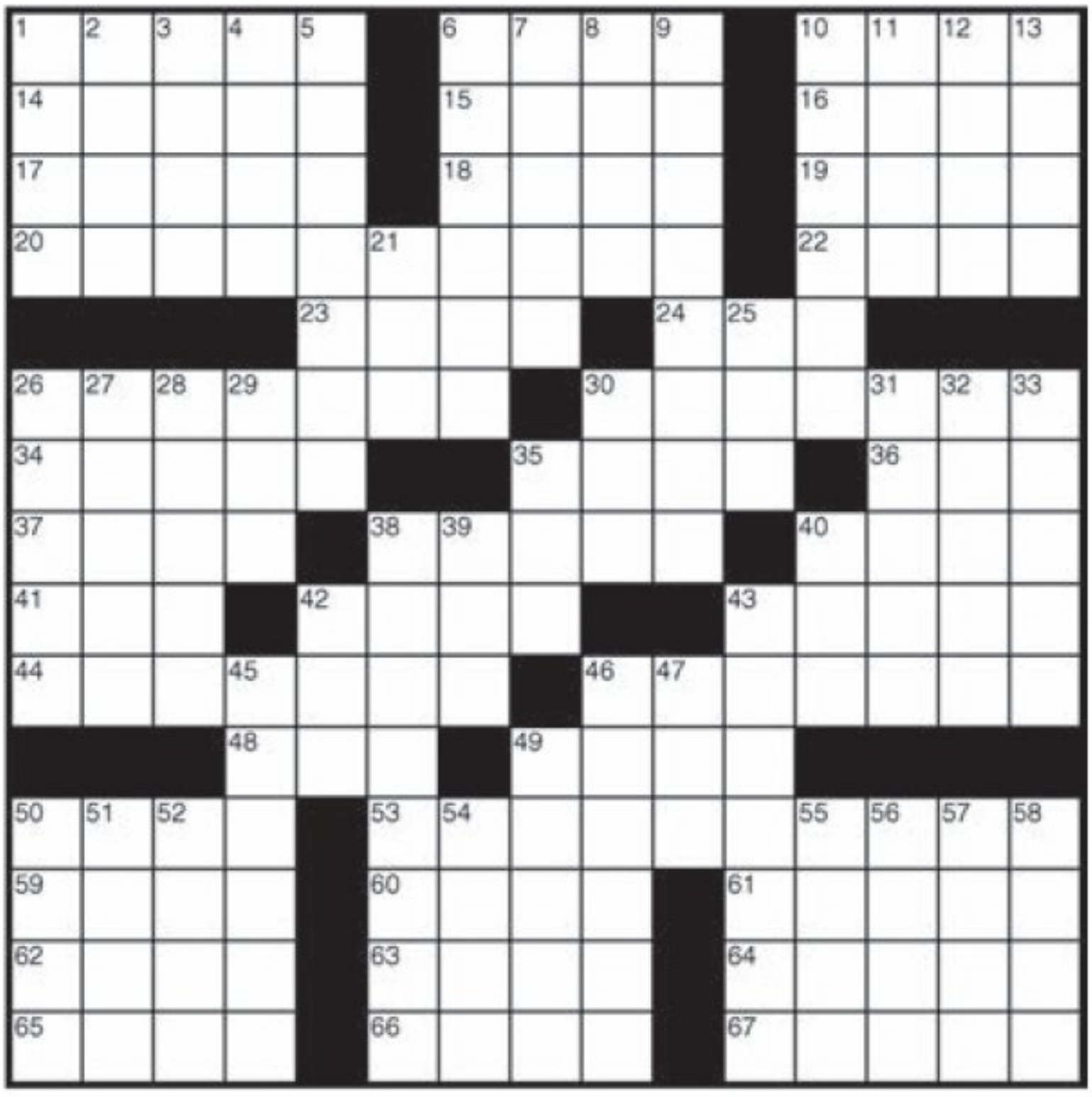

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Aries Speak up and clear the air if you feel it will help a conflict. Anger is a waste of time, and ignoring the situation will result in emotional stress.

Taurus Look at the big picture and find a way to reach your destination. A monetary gain is apparent if you put in the time and effort.

Gemini Engage in some serious self-reflection in order to discover a way to address any problem you are experiencing.

Cancer An older person in your life will compete for your attention. A compassionate approach will clear up a misunderstanding.

Leo The more you pursue the things you want, the better you will do and the more you will gain. A penny saved is a penny earned.

Virgo Expect someone to make poor assumptions. Ignore what's being said and paint a clear picture that reveals the facts.

Libra Empty promises will be a result of you not wanting to make up your mind or make a move. Assess the situation and take action.

Scorpio You'll accomplish the most if you stay out of the spotlight. Secretly making changes to a plan will help you avoid interference.

Sagittarius Keep your thoughts to yourself and your private matters secret. Interference from others will be what stands between you and success.

Capricorn Your desire for change may concern the people who love you. Follow your heart. If your actions are less transparent, you will avoid interference.

Aquarius Someone you love will demand extra attention. Don't give in too readily if you have made a prior commitment.

Pisces Take care of health problems. Make an appointment with your doctor or get some needed rest. Don't let anyone upset you. EUGENIA LAST

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easy

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hard

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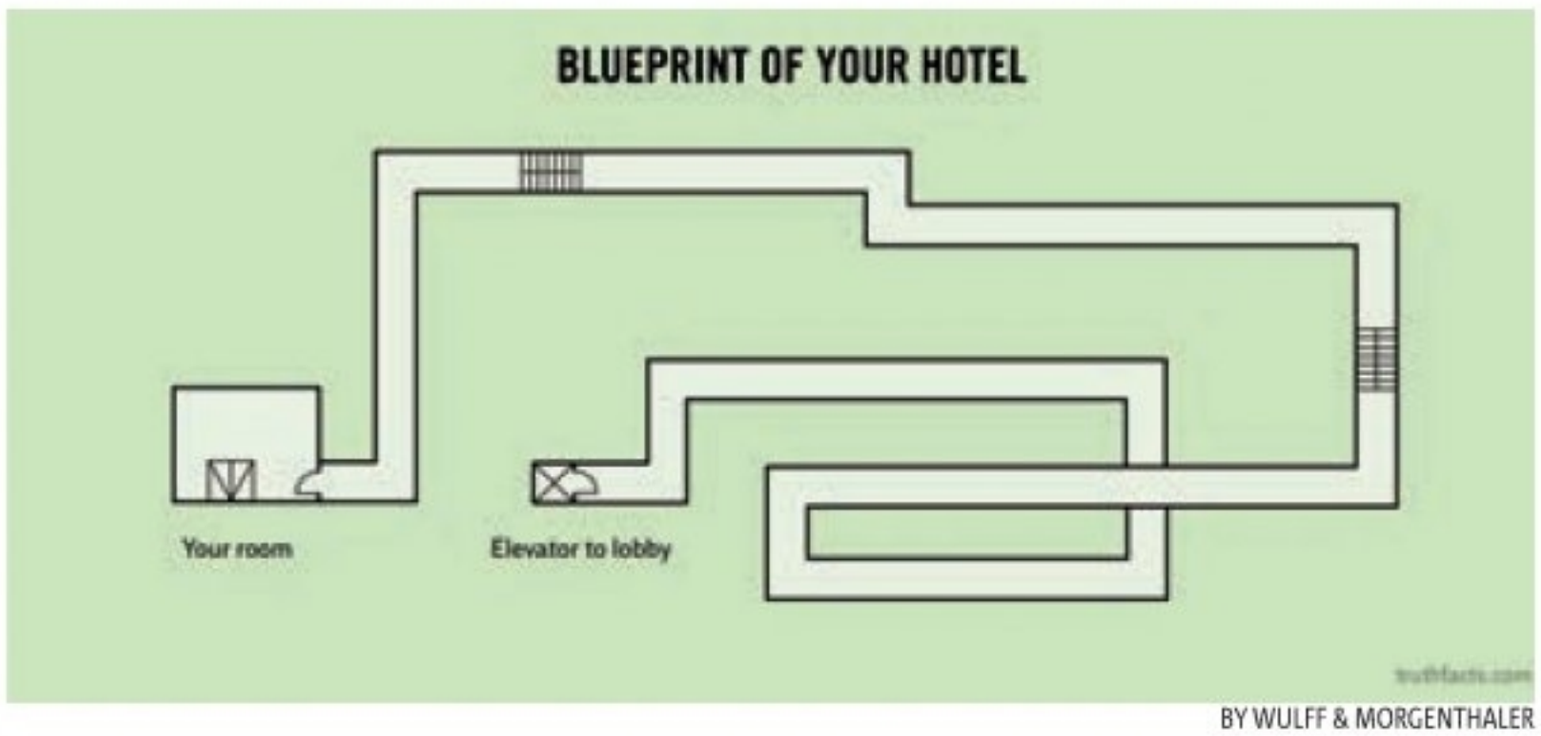

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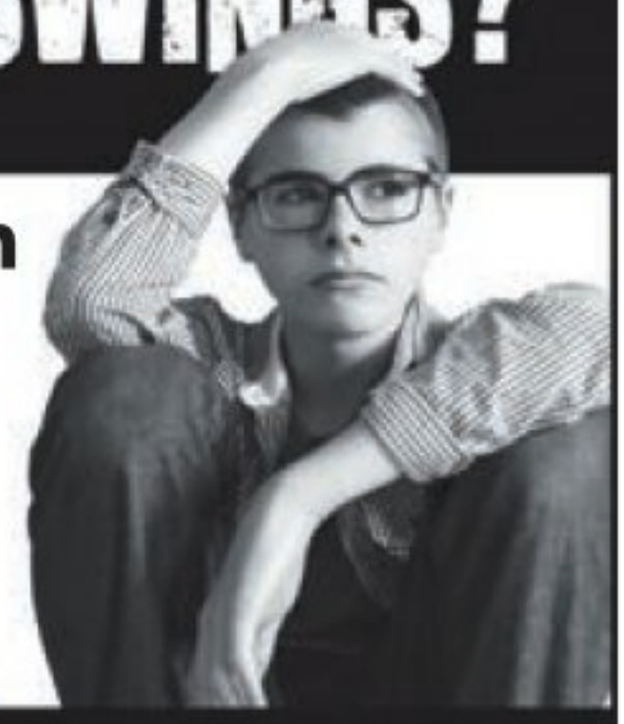

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